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## **State Employees Charged in Connection to Flint Water Crisis**

[Attorney General expected to announce more charges in Flint water crisis](#)

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press/WZZM ABC 13 07/28/16 5:29 PM

More criminal charges will be announced Friday in the Flint drinking water investigation, Attorney General Bill Schuette's office announced late Thursday. Schuette and Todd Flood, the Royal Oak attorney heading the AG's investigation, have called an 11:30 a.m. news conference at U-M Flint.

[Six state employees facing felony charges in Flint water crisis, court documents obtained by WXYZ](#)

By WXYZ Detroit ABC 7 07/28/16 5:10 PM [video clip]

Six current and former state employees are facing criminal charges in connection with the Flint water crisis. Attorney General Bill Schuette outlined the charges in a news conference Friday morning. We've learned the defendants worked or did work for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

### AG Schuette: More criminal charges filed in Flint Water Crisis

By WLNS 6 07/28/16 4:54 PM

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette Friday will announce a second round of criminal charges relating to the Flint water crisis. Schuette, Special Counsel Todd Flood and the Flint Water Investigative Team will have details on the latest charges tomorrow morning in Flint.

### Prosecutor won't say if Snyder has been interviewed

By Chad Livengood, Detroit News 07/29/16 4:44 PM

Attorney General Bill Schuette's lead prosecutor in the Flint water crisis investigation said Friday his team has had "constructive dialogue" with Gov. Rick Snyder's office since he claimed last month the governor's private attorneys were withholding documents.

### Schuette: State workers' arrogance led to Flint charges

By Chad Livengood & Jennifer Chambers, Detroit News 07/29/16 4:43 PM

Arrogance and viewing people in Flint as expendable were the motives of six state employees criminally charged Friday over the city's water crisis, Attorney General Bill Schuette said. Genesee County Judge Nathaniel C. Perry III authorized charges requested by Schuette Friday against three employees in the Department of Health and Human Services and three employees in the Department of Environmental Quality, including fired municipal water chief Liane Shekter Smith.

### 6 More State Workers Charged in Flint Water Crisis

By Amy Haimerl and Abby Goodnough, New York Times 07/29/16

State prosecutors in Michigan filed criminal charges Friday morning against six state workers for their roles in the contamination of Flint's drinking water with lead, bringing to nine the number of government employees who have been charged in the continuing investigation. The employees — three from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and three from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality — were all

charged with misconduct in office and willful neglect of duty as a public official.

Investigator: Workers changed reports, hid data in Flint water crisis

By Robert Allan, Detroit Free Press 07/29/16 3:53 PM

A special investigator for the Michigan Attorney General's office said six state employees who were criminally charged today hid and manipulated data last summer that showed a change in drinking-water sources was poisoning people here.

'They Failed': 6 More Michigan Employees Charged In Flint Water Crisis

By Rebecca Hersher, NPR 07/29/16 3:52 PM

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has announced criminal charges against six more people — including the state's former water quality chief in connection with lead-contaminated water in the city of Flint. All six people are current or former state employees in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. A total of nine people are facing charges, accused of causing or covering up the crisis. The state has also filed a civil suit against two companies that allegedly knew about the poisoned water and failed to act.

Mich. attorney general: 6 charged ignored Flint warning flags

By John Wisely, North Jersey 07/29/16 3:16 PM

Six more Michigan state employees were charged with crimes Friday for their roles in the Flint water crisis because of negligence and arrogance, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said.

Schuette: State workers' arrogance led to Flint charges

By Chad Livengood & Jennifer Chambers, Detroit News 07/29/16 2:30 PM

Arrogance and viewing people in Flint as expendable were the motives of six state employees criminally charged Friday over the city's water crisis, Attorney General Bill Schuette said. Genesee County Judge Nathaniel C. Perry III authorized charges requested by Schuette Friday against three employees in the Department of Health and Human

Services and three employees in the Department of Environmental Quality, including fired municipal water chief Liane Shekter Smith.

Schuette: State workers told to delete Flint water emails about lead spike

By Dominic Adams, MLIVE 07/29/16 3:05 PM

The former director of the state's Bureau of Epidemiology and State Epidemiologist allegedly told other state employees not to take action on a report showing a spike in blood lead levels in children in Flint then later told employees to delete emails about the data. The former director, Corinne Miller, 65, of Dewitt, was one of six state employees charged with felonies on Friday, July 29 in connection to Flint's water crisis.

Michigan prosecutor charges six in Flint water scandal

By Reuters 07/29/16 2:55 PM

Six Michigan state employees were charged on Friday in an investigation into dangerous lead levels in the city of Flint's drinking water. The criminal charges were filed by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette against three employees apiece from the state's health and environmental departments. Schuette did not elaborate on possible charges for other local and state officials but said prosecutors "were going where the truth" takes them.

Flint water crisis: New criminal charges are brought

By Sara Ganim, Ray Sanchez & Steve Almasy, CNN 07/29/16 2:38 PM

Six current and former Michigan employees charged Friday in a widening criminal investigation into the Flint water crisis may not be the last, state Attorney General Bill Schuette said. Investigators said the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services manipulated or buried reports about lead contamination in the drinking water on the same day in July 2015. Now the probe is working up the chain of command. Former Detroit FBI chief Andy Arena said the case will be the largest criminal investigation in Michigan history.

Six more Michigan employees charged with misconduct in Flint water crisis

By Lenny Bernstein & Brady Dennis, Washington Post 07/29/16 1:56 PM

Six Michigan employees were charged Friday with misconduct in office for their alleged roles in the lead contamination of Flint's water supply, which has exposed thousands of children to the toxin and left most city residents drinking bottled water for more than two years. Attorney General Bill Schuette (R) filed the charges against three employees of the state's Department of Health and Human Services and three others from the state Department of Environmental Quality, including the former chief of Michigan's Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance.

[Watch: Criminal charges announced in Flint water crisis](#)

By USA Today 07/29/16 1:49 PM [video clip]

Six Michigan employees were criminally charged Friday in connection with the Flint water crisis. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette called a news conference to further discuss the criminal charges. USA TODAY will have live video coverage which you can watch below.

[New charges announced in Flint water crisis](#)

By Dominic Adams, MLIVE 07/29/16 1:16 PM

Six more state employees were charged in connection to the water crisis in Flint. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality workers official Liane Shekter Smith, Adam Rosenthal and Patrick Cook were all charged, along with Nancy Peeler, Corinne Miller and Robert Scott of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

[Six More Officials Charged in Flint Water Crisis for Alleged Cover-Up](#)

By Blake McCoy & Tracy Connor, NBC News 07/29/16 1:04 PM

Six more government workers have been hit with criminal charges in connection with the Flint water crisis — including a state health official who allegedly "buried" a report that showed a spike in lead poisoning in children. The charges filed by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette bring to nine the number of current and former state officials who face possible jail time for their handling of the debacle.

[Multiple felonies filed against 6 state employees in Flint water case](#)

By FOX 2 Detroit 07/29/16 11:59 AM

Attorney General Bill Schuette and the team investigating the Flint Water Crisis will announce more charges on Friday relating to the ongoing water crisis. Six more state employees will be charged related to the case.

6 state employees criminally charged in Flint water crisis

By Robert Allan, Detroit Free Press 07/29/16 1:16 PM [video clip]

Six state employees were criminally charged this morning in district court in connection with the Flint water crisis.

Michigan Attorney General Charges More People for Flint Water Crimes

By Yessenia Funes, Color Lines 07/29/16 10:31 AM

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has added six more people to his roster of defendants accused of causing or exacerbating the lead poisoning of Flint's tap water. The charges, which include willful neglect and misconduct in office, are against three current or former employees of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and three from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In a press conference about the charges today (July 29) Schuette said the defendants attempted to cover up the crisis.

Michigan AG Bill Schuette: State employees ignored warning flags in Flint

By John Wisely, Detroit Free Press 07/29/16 12:38 PM [video clip]

Michigan AG announces charges against 6 more state workers in Flint water crisis investigation

By Brendan Gauthier, SALON 07/29/16 12:34 PM

State Attorney General Bill Schuette on Friday announced additional charges related to the lead contamination of Flint, Michigan's drinking water.

### Six State Employees Charged In Connection With Flint Water Crisis

By MSN 07/29/16 [video clip]

On Friday, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced that six state employees have been charged in connection with the Flint water crisis. The defendants are Nancy Peeler, Corinne Miller and Robert Scott from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Liane Shekter-Smith, Adam Rosenthal, and Patrick Cook from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

### 6 More State Employees Criminally Charged In Flint Water Crisis

By Arthur Delaney, Huffington Post 07/29/16 12:26 PM

Six more people have been charged with crimes for their role in allowing the water in Flint, Michigan to become tainted with lead, a deadly poison. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Republican, announced the charges against the six state employees on Friday morning. "The families of Flint will not be forgotten," Schuette said at a press conference Friday. "Those who committed crimes will be held accountable."

### More Flint water crisis criminal charges to be announced Friday

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 07/28/16 6:34 PM

More criminal charged will be announced Friday in connection to the Flint water crisis. Attorney General Bill Schuette announced he will be hosting a press conference Friday, July 29, to detail the charges. Officials declined to comment on who the charges would be filed against.

### 'We are all Flint': Former MI governor highlights water crisis at DNC

By RT 07/29/16

Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm used the Flint water crisis to remind delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia that Americans need to work together to make sure no one is left behind. Focusing on efforts President Barack Obama made to help Michigan deal with the 2008 financial crisis, Granholm expressed

hope that Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will keep the momentum going.

#### New Video “Voices of Flint” Debuts at Democratic National Convention

By enewspf 07/28/16 [video clip]

Under pressure to cut costs in April 2014, the city of Flint, Michigan, switched its water source from Lake Huron to the Flint River—a move that contaminated the city’s drinking water with lead, costing residents’ health and quality of life. Tonight, the Democratic National Convention Committee is releasing a new video, “Voices of Flint,” highlighting the ongoing water crisis and its devastating impact on families. In addition to featuring testimonies from local clergy, parents and children, the video also features commentary from Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, who is also speaking tonight.

#### Mayor Weaver to DNC ‘I am a voice for Flint....and we need your help’

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 07/28/16

Flint’s lead tainted drinking water has been a crisis for more than a year. Now it’s also national political issue. Flint Mayor Karen Weaver strode to the podium at the Democratic National Convention last night after delegates watched video tracing the history of the crisis dating back to April of 20-14. Once at the podium, Weaver stated the situation bleakly. “The problems in Flint are not over,” Weaver told the packed sports arena. “The water is still not safe to drink or cook with from the tap. Our infrastructure is broken, leaking, and rusting away.”

#### Mayor Karen Weaver brings Flint water crisis to 2016 DNC

By Laura Gibbons, MLIVE 07/27/16 8:05 PM

For a few minutes at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Flint Mayor Karen Weaver was "a voice for Flint." In a speech before the Democratic National Convention crowd in Philadelphia Wednesday evening, Weaver used her time on the national stage to point out that Flint is on the road to recovery, but stressed that there's still a lot of work to be done. "Our infrastructure is broken, leaking, and rusting away," Weaver said. "Our local economy, struggles to rebound. And there are many more Flints across the country where environmental issues are hurting our kids and families."

### Flint Mayor Karen Weaver speech about Flint water crisis at the DNC

By FOX 66/NBC 25 Newsroom 07/27/16 [video clip]

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver spoke in Philadelphia at the Democratic National Convention. She talked about the Flint water crisis, also at the Democratic National Convention Committee released a new video, 'Voices of Flint' highlighting the ongoing water crisis and its devastating impact on families.

### Clinton to take credit for elevating Flint water crisis in DNC video

By Kyle Feldscher , Washington Examiner 07/27/16 6:41 PM video clip]

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will take credit for bringing the lead water crisis in Flint, Mich., to the national stage in a video slated to play at the Democratic National Convention Wednesday night. The video, titled "Voice of Flint," will highlight Clinton's use of a presidential primary debate in January to speak about the lead water crisis in the eastern Michigan city of 100,000. The video credits those remarks and Clinton's subsequent trips to Flint for sparking national outrage about the situation.

### Feds award \$20M infrastructure grant to Flint

By Keith Laing, Detroit News 07/29/16 4:36 PM

President Barack Obama's administration is making \$20 million available to Flint for transportation projects that will be completed while the city is replacing pipelines as part of fallout from the city's lead-tainted water crisis. White House officials said the funding will pay for half of a \$40 million project that calls for rebuilding "portions of arterial roadways, including sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signals, signage and lighting, and includes a road diet, replacing an existing traffic lane with non-motorized travel lanes" while Flint is reconstructing contaminated water lines.

### Flint gets \$20M from feds to help fix road damage from water line fixes

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 07/29/16 1:51 PM

Federal officials announced today Flint will receive \$20 million to support road projects on major streets in the city and ease financial woes for water line replacement work throughout

the city. "Families in Flint are still living without access to safe, clean water, and they need assistance to recover from this man-made disaster," said Sen. Gary Peters. "This \$20 million grant provides critical resources to help the City of Flint repair roads as they work to replace the damaged water infrastructure, keeping Flint on the path to recovery."

#### Flint to get \$20 million for road improvements

By Christina Hall, Detroit Free Press 07/29/16 1:25 PM

The city of Flint is to receive a \$20-million federal grant for road and other improvements, projects that are to be done at the same time it replaces underlying water transmissions, the federal government announced today. The grant for the project -- Drinking Water Revolving Fund Roadway Reconstruction: Saginaw, Atherton and Dupont Streets -- covers nearly half of the cost of the \$40.4-million project.

## **Other News**

#### Marc Lamont Hill On The Common Threads 'From Ferguson To Flint'

By Rahel Gebreyes, Huffington Post 07/29/16 3:43 PM [video clip]

From violence at the hands of police to the Flint water crisis, public visibility of the issues plaguing America's most vulnerable communities has finally risen after decades of marginalization. Each of these high-profile cases is not isolated, but part of a larger pervasive problem, author Marc Lamont Hill suggests in his thought-provoking new book *Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*. Hill also explained that his definition of state violence goes beyond just police brutality. The lack of clean drinking water in the city of Flint, Michigan, where 57 percent of residents are black and more than 41 percent live below the poverty line, is an example of violence in another sense.

#### 64th district candidates disagree on state's role in solving Flint water crisis

By Taylor DesOrmeau, MLIVE 07/29/16 11:13 AM

The state's role in the Flint water crisis has been widely questioned and debated among politicians. The five candidates running for the 64th District seat in the State House of Representatives were asked what they believe the state's role is in providing funding to address the crisis. They were also asked if they believe the state has done enough in addressing the issue.

### State, feds concerned over ability of Flint to treat drinking water

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 07/29/16 7:08 AM

State and federal agencies say they are concerned about the city's ability to safely treat its drinking water supply. The Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality each sent letters this month to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver to address their worries. The letters came just days after Flint's Interim Utilities Director JoLisa McDay testified this month that the city still has not enacted optimized corrosion control treatment of its water supply. McDay's statements on corrosion control came during a July 7 deposition stemming from a lawsuit involving city residents' access to bottled water and filters.

## **Aid & Help for Flint**

### This startup wants to prevent another Flint water crisis

By Parija Kavilanz, Crossroads Today ABC 25 07/28/16 1:59 PM

Entrepreneur Daniel Yazbeck has been thinking a lot about the Flint water crisis lately. "It's not just Flint but also what's happening in Alabama now with contaminated drinking water," he said. With a background as a scientist, Yazbeck is drawn to analyzing problems and developing solutions.

### Student Builds Program to Help People Affected by Flint Water Crisis

By Maya Meinert, USC Social Work 07/27/16

While all our field placements offer the chance for our Master of Social Work students to engage in real-world client services, sometimes those opportunities collide with something larger. MSW@USC student Olivia Tucker lives near Flint, Michigan, where for the past two years residents have been dealing with the effects of living with contaminated water. With the city of Flint tens of millions of dollars in debt, its government decided to save money by disconnecting itself from the established Detroit Water and Sewage Department and finding its own water source – in this case, the polluted Flint River.

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